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PATENT

Docket No. GC527

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

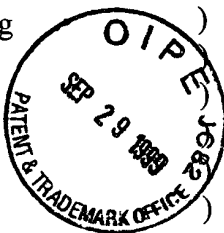
In re Application of

David Estell & Fiona Harding

Serial No.: 09/062,872

Filed: April 14, 1998

For: Mutant Proteins Having Lower
Allergenic Response in Humans and
Methods for Constructing, Identifying
and Producing Such Proteins



Group Art Unit: 1644

Examiner: D. Saunders

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 26, 1999, the Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks. For the convenience of the Examiner, the pending claims are attached as Appendix I.

In the Claims.

Please amend claim 13 as follows:

13. (Once amended) A method of reducing the allergenicity of a protein comprising the steps of:
- (a) identifying a T-cell epitope in said protein;